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SUBJ: CHAIRMAN MAO ON TV

1. TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE SEPTEMBER 12 TWO HOUR MEETING BETWEEN CHAIRMAN MAO AND FRENCH PRESIDENT POMPI SHOWED THE CHAIRMAN LOOKING SOMEWHAT LESS SHAKY THAN IN PAST TV APPEARANCES SUCH AS LAST YEAR'S VISITS OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SCHUMAN AND SRI LANKAN PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE.

2. AS USUAL, THE CHAIRMAN APPEARED WEAK AND SHOWED HIS AGE, BUT HE SEEMED TO CONVERSE AND MOVE ABOUT WITH REASONABLE EASE. AT ONE POINT HE MOVED TO HIS BOOKCASE, REMOVED A VOLUME FROM A HIGH SHELF AND PRESENTED IT TO POMPIDOU, ALL WITH NO SIGNS OF ASSISTANCE. BY CONTRAST, IN THE MEETINGS CITED ABOVE THE CHAIRMAN'S HANDS HAD SHAKEN IN SOMEWHAT PALSIED FASHION AND HE HAD APPEARED TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IN MOVING AROUND HIS STUDY.

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